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SUBJECT	Probable Airfield Construction near Altsorgefeld	DATE DISTR.	28 June 1955	25X1
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1. Boundaries and Forest Clearance:

- (a) Large-scale clearance is in progress in an area bounded in the south by the branch railroad line between Wuestermarke and the Rochau-West railroad station, and in the west by the road leading southwards from Altsorgefeld 25X1 to the Rochau-West railroad station. The road from Altsorgefeld to Langengrassau is barred to civilian traffic east of the point where the road to Falkenberg branches off. The road from Altsorgefeld to Wuestermarke is also barred to civilian traffic.

- (b) The southern edge of the area that is being cleared extends eastwards from a point approximately 500 meters to the north of the Rochau-Ost railroad station.

The western edge of the area extends southwards from a point the east of Altsorgefeld and runs parallel to and at a distance of approximately 500 meters from the Altsorgefeld - Rochau-West road.

Clearance is believed to have started in the autumn of 1954.

2. Contractor and Labor Force:

- (a) The inn in Altsorgefeld has been taken over by the German contractor as office building, and is also used to accommodate approximately 80 members of the labor force.
- (b) Eight to ten camps for workers have been set up in the woods approximately 150 meters to the north of the Rochau-Ost railroad station.
- (c) The labor force of the main contractor is estimated to be approximately 250 strong.

3. Railroad Spur:

- (a) A single-truck normal gauge spur leads northwards off the branch line at a point approximately 200 meters northeast of the Rochau-Ost railroad station, opposite kilometer 16.8 on main road No. 87 from Luckau to Herzberg.

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Two kilometers of track are reported to have been completed, with a further 1.5 kilometers remaining to be laid down.

- (b) The work is carried out by a sub-contractor, Doehl & Sohn, from Herzberg.
- (c) A large number of railroad sleepers are stacked immediately to the north of the Rochau-Ost railroad station.

4. Suspected Transformer House:

Immediately to the south of Altsorgefeld on the western side of the Altsorgefeld-Rochau-West road, a stone building with a ground plan of approximately twelve feet by twelve feet is being built. The mode of construction suggests a transformer house.

5. Disposal of Timber:

Cut trees are hauled to the Rochau-West railroad station, where they are peeled and cut into seven-foot lengths. This activity was first observed here in the autumn of 1954.

6. East German Air Force Interest:

- (a) The boundaries of the area are patrolled by Aeroclub personnel on motorcycles with sidecars.
- (b) Workers have stated that the site is frequently inspected by Aeroclub officers.

7. Area Sketch:

Reproduced below is an overlay from 1:25,000 sheets 4147 and 4247 (Germany, Third Edition, AMS Series M 841) on which the observed features have been marked. The legend is given as follows:

1. Southern edge of clearing.
2. Western edge of clearing.
3. Camps accommodating workmen.
4. Railroad spur.
5. Suspected transformer house under construction.
6. Timber dump and processing point at the Rochau-West railroad station.

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Comment: probable construction of a bomb dump in the area

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Appendix "A"

A hand-drawn map on a grid background, oriented vertically. The map shows a central diagonal line representing a railroad, labeled "FOC NAU - OST RAILROAD STATION". To the left of this line, there are several locations marked: "ALSOBUEHE" at the top, "GOUT VT" in the middle, and "WILCOBSEFIELD" at the bottom. To the right of the railroad line, there are several locations marked: "FAL KENBERG" at the top, "LAKE PUGERSON" in the middle, and "WESTER-MARK" at the bottom. There are also several small circles and arrows scattered across the map, some pointing towards the railroad line. The map is drawn with thick black lines on a light background.

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